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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2008, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months from December 25, 2008 to, and including, February 25, 2009. Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge the fees for the RCE and Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60008US(49991). Applicants respectfully request that the Application be amended without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matte, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 7 of this paper.